

Important Public Hearing Notice on Right-of-Way Maintenance Program

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Right-of-Way Maintenance Program Public Hearing Notice

To notify property owners of the following two official public hearings before the City Council

2011 Recommended Assessment Rates

Purpose of the hearing: To ratify recommended assessment rates for 2011 services. Written and oral statements will be

considered by the Council at this hearing.

Hearing time

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W. and location:

2012 Proposed Assessment Rates

Purpose of the hearing: To consider proposed assessment rates and service levels for the 2012 program. Written and oral

statements will be considered by the Council at this hearing.

Hearing time

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2011

and location:

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.

Assessment Information:

The recommended 2011 rates and proposed 2012 rates are listed on the reverse side.

Corner residential lots with two street frontages or residential lots with two alley frontages are not charged for the first 150 feet of the long side. Commercial property includes all apartment buildings of four or more units. Townhomes and condominiums will be charged for at least 20 feet of street

frontage.

Calculation **Example:**

2011

For a typical residential property with 48 feet of frontage on a residential street (Class 3) and 48 feet of frontage on an alley (Class 4), the total assessment would be 48 X \$3.20 plus 48 X \$0.73, for a

total assessment of \$188.64.

Recommended 2011 Right-of-Way Assessment for Your Property – THIS IS NOT A BILL

Property ID# 06-28-22-21-9999 **Frontage** 48, 48 **Property address**

123 Main Street 3R, 4R Class

\$188.64 Amount

Assessment Rates per Foot and Service Levels

See other side for the recommended assessment for your property

Street Class	Description	2011 Recommended Rates	2012 Proposed Rates	Services Provided
1-A	Downtown Streets (Paved) All Properties (except residential condos) Residential Condominiums	\$16.62 \$3.20	\$17.78 \$3.42	Flush and sweep twice/week, street overlays, litter pick up, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
1-B	Downtown Streets (Brick) All Properties (except residential condos) Residential Condominiums	\$20.11 \$3.20	\$21.52 \$3.42	Flush and sweep twice/week, brick repairs, litter pick up, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
2	Outlying Commercial/Arterial Streets Commercial Property Residential Property	\$8.38 \$3.41	\$8.97 \$3.65	Flush and sweep 6 to 10 times/year, street overlays, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
3	Oiled/Paved Residential Streets Commercial Property Residential Property	\$6.18 \$3.20	\$6.61 \$3.42	Flush and sweep each spring and fall, seal coat every 10 years, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
4	Oiled/Paved Alleys Commercial Property Residential Property	\$1.15 \$0.73	\$1.23 \$0.78	Flush and sweep each spring, seal coat every 10 years, ordinance enforcement
5	Unimproved Street Right-of-Way Commercial Property Residential Property	\$3.07 \$1.73	\$3.28 \$1.85	Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, ordinance enforcement
6	Unimproved Alley Right-of-Way Commercial Property Residential Property	\$0.55 \$0.37	\$0.59 \$0.40	Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, ordinance enforcement
7	Above-Standard Lighting Commercial Property Institutional Property Residential Property	Rates vary by lighting district	Rates vary by lighting district	Provide electricity for above-standard street light fixtures. Maintain, repair and replace fixtures as needed. Paint light poles on approximately a 7-year cycle.

What services are not provided by the Right-of-Way Program?

(These services are the abutting property owner's responsibility)

- Shoveling of sidewalks
- Plowing of alleys
- Mowing of boulevard grass
- Repair and replacement of outwalks
- Repair and replacement of driveways
- Repair and replacement of hard-surface boulevards
- Replacement of downtown sidewalks

Why are the 2012 proposed rates higher than 2011?

For 2012, the City proposes an average rate increase of 7.0%. This increase is necessary to maintain right-of-way maintenance services including trail and median maintenance, the beautification program and trash collection which are now directly funded through the assessment, and for debt service on new equipment.

What is the Above-Standard Lighting charge? Do I have to pay it?

The charge pays for electricity, repair, replacement and painting of decorative street lighting fixtures in above standard street lighting districts located Downtown and in outlying commercial areas. Beginning in 2010, the charge was combined with the Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment in order to reduce billings and administrative costs. Only properties that are currently within existing above standard street lighting districts are billed for this service.

What is the cost to provide Right-of-Way maintenance services?

In 2011 the estimated total cost is \$32 million. Of this amount, the City expects to collect \$24.9 million in assessments. The remainder comes from Municipal State Aid, Trunk Highway Aid, County Aid and miscellaneous receipts.

Can I appeal my Right-of-Way Assessment?

Property owners may appeal to the District Court. A notice stating the grounds for the appeal must be filed with the City Clerk within 20 days of the order adopting the assessment. The same notice also must be filed with the Clerk of District Court within 10 days of filing with the City Clerk. NOTE: Failure to file the notices within the specified time forever prohibits an appeal from the assessment. While the assessment is under appeal, Section 64.06 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires that regular payments be made. If the appeal is successful, the payments will be refunded

Whom can I call for more information?

Right-of-way maintenance services:

Streets and alleys – 651-266-9700 (24-hour service number)

Sidewalks - 651-266-6120

Traffic signs/markings and lighting – 651-266-9777

Boulevard tree trimming – 651-632-5129

Assessments:

Real Estate Section - 651-266-8858

Within 10 days following the October 5th public hearing you will receive an invoice for the 2011 Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment for your property. You may pay your assessment by November 15th without interest or wait until it appears on your 2012 property tax statement with interest.